

Library Notes

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The following publications have been recently added to the R.A.O.U. library:—

British Birds, parts 3-12.

Part 5 contains an interesting article on the "Great Auk," by W. H. Mullens, M.A., LL.M.

Proceedings of the Royal Society of Tasmania for 1921.

The Avicultural Magazine, vol. xii., parts 7-12; vol. xiii., Nos. 2, 3. Vol. xii. (11) contains an article on the successful breeding of the King Parrot in England by M. Amslet, M.B.

Revue Francaise d'Ornithologie, No. 150-156.

Victorian Naturalist, vol. xxxviii., Nos. 6-12; vol. xxxix., Nos. 1, 2.

Queensland Naturalist, vol. iii., No. 3.

Condor, vol. 23, Nos. 5, 6; vol. 24, No. 2.

23 (6) contains a splendid article on the Black-tailed Gnatcatcher by Robert S. Woods, which is accompanied by some beautiful photographic illustrations.

24 (2) contains a well-illustrated paper on "A Large Tern Colony in Texas," by J. R. Pemberton.

Bird Lore, vol. xxiii., Nos. 4, 5, 6; vol. xxiv., No. 2.

Nos. 4 and 5 respectively have as frontispieces beautiful coloured plates of Grackles and the Canada Goose.

Proceedings of the California Academy of Sciences, vol. ii., part ii., No. 17; vol. ix., Nos. 9-15; vol. x., Nos. 1-9.

*Notes on the Osteology of the Young of the Hoatzin (*Opisthocomus cristatus*) and other points on its Morphology*, by Dr. R. W. Shufeldt (author's reprint).

South Australian Ornithologist, vol. vi., Nos. 4, 5.

No. 4. "Notes on birds met with during a visit to South-West Queensland," by A. Chenery, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., "Some Tasmanian Bird Notes," by Edwin Ashby, F.L.S., M.B.O.U.

No. 6. "A trip to North-West Australia," by A. M. Morgan, M.B., B.Ch. "Notes on birds seen during a recent visit to the Western Darling, N.S.W.," by A. Chenery.

Ibis, 11th series, vol. iii., No. 4; vol. iv., Nos. 1, 2.

iv. (2) "On the sense of smell possessed by birds," by J. H. Gurney, F.Z.S., M.B.O.U.

"Life History of North American Gulls and Terns," by Arthur Cleveland Bent.

A valuable acquisition to our library, as the author has most exhaustively treated with the subject. The illustrations, which are very numerous, are of a high order.

Annual Report of the United States National Museum, 1921.

The Auk, vol. 38, No. 4.

Report of the Smithsonian Institute, 1919.

Proceedings of the Royal Society of Victoria, vol. xxxiv. (new series), part ii.

Australian Zoologist, vol. ii., part iv.

Notes on Tubinares, including records which affect the A.O.U. Check-list, by Robert Cushman Murphy (author's reprint).

A Critical Study of the Fossil Bird, Gallinuloides wyomingensis castman, by Dr. R. W. Shufeldt (author's reprint).

About Members

MR. H. L. WHITE, OF "BELT TREES," HONoured.

The June number of "Stamp Collecting," a weekly newspaper for philatelists, published in Great Britain, contains a report of the opening at Bath of the Ninth Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, described as "the Parliament of Philatelists," at the first session of which (on June 20th) the following names were adopted for entry on the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists, these having been approved by the affiliated societies and by the congress, namely: Dr. Ricardo D. Elicabe (Argentina), Mr. Bertram McGowan (Great Britain), Captain H. R. Oldfield (Great Britain), Mr. Nils Strandell (Sweden), and Mr. Henry L. White (Australia). "These names," the record goes on to state, have accordingly been duly inscribed on the Roll; and recognition was publicly accorded them at the closing session of the Congress on Friday last. The Roll now contains the names of forty-five distinguished Philatelists, headed by his Majesty the King." For many years Mr. White has made the collection of stamps, and especially rare stamps, one of his hobbies; and the presentation of his fine and unique collection, valued at about £20,000, to the Mitchell Library, some time back, has been the subject of much eulogistic comment in the world of Philately.

Members are pleased to note the honour conferred on our Honorary Life Member, who is distinguished in Ornithology as in Philately.